GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NON- ISSUANCE OF VISAS & PASSPORTS TO INDIANS LIVING ABROAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian embassies and High Commissions are not issuing visas and passports to several Indians living abroad for years to allow them to return to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to issue visas and passports to them;

(d) whether the Government has prepared any list of persons to whom these facilities are not to be extended; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)&(b) No, Sir.

(c) Passports facilities are provided to Indian citizens by our Missions abroad expeditiously and according to the prescribed procedures. Indian nationals living abroad do not require a visa to return to India. Persons of Indian Origin with a foreign nationality are granted visas expeditiously in keeping with the relevant norms.

(d)&(e) Separate lists of persons are maintained, keeping in mind the interests of the country, who are to be denied a visa or are to be given a passport or a visa with the prior approval of the Government. Passport facility is denied or restricted only in cases covered by the relevant provisions of the Passports Act, 1967 or in the case of those who seek/obtain asylum abroad.